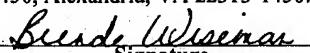


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<p>ART UNIT: 1616 EXAMINER: Ernst V. Arnold APPLICANT: Motyka et al. SERIAL NO.: 10/829,468 FILED: 04/21/2004 CONFIRM. NO.: 6421 FOR: NON-GMO METAL AMINO ACID CHELATES AND NON-GMO METAL AMINO ACID CHELATE- CONTAINING COMPOSITIONS</p>	<p><b>AMENDMENT/RESPONSE</b> <b>CERTIFICATE OF MAILING</b> <b>UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8</b> DATE OF DEPOSIT: <u>10/6/06</u> I hereby certify that this paper or fee (along with any paper or fee referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail with sufficient postage on the date indicated above and is addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.  Deanne Wiesenar Signature</p>
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Sir:

The present amendments and remarks are in response to the June 6, 2006 Office Action where the Examiner rejected claims 1-3, 5-10, 13-28, and 30-53. A petition for a one month extension of time and the appropriate fee is enclosed herewith. A request for continued examination (RCE) and appropriate fee is also enclosed herewith. Please reconsider the present application with the accompanying responsive remarks.